(f) the names of other drugs being purchased and used for National Health Programme which have not been recommended for price control under Category-I, alongwith reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Ministry of Health & F.W. is engaged in making supplementary list of drugs needed for certain diseases under National Health Programmes. This list, however, is not yet finalised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Drugs required for MCH programme being evaluated for price control recommendations.

(f) For the purpose of inclusion under Category I, eleven health programmes have been identified. The supplementary list is under prepartion.

Exclusion of drugs required for STD programme

4218. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria have been followed for drawing up a list of drugs required for National Health Programme;

(b) what were the reasons for excluding drugs for STD programme and National Family Welfare Programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the purchases of these medicines for the National Health Programmes have been the highest;

(d) whether it is also a fact while drawing up the list, least used drugs have been included and most popular drugs have been excluded; and

(e) what are the purchases of various drugs for control of blindness and Trachoma during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The drugs procured for certain Health Programmes or financed by the Centre for procurement by the States are those which are required for the treatment of diseases affecting the weaker section of the community most.

Drugs for STD are being evaluated for price control recommendations.

(c) All these drugs for the various programmes are not directly purchased. Hence comparison of "highest purchase" cannot be made.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) There is no direct purchase of drugs for control of blindness and Trachoma by the Central Government.

Use of Paracetamol

4219. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high temperature is associated with Viral fever, Typhoid and other fevers, not connected with Malaria;

(b) whether Asprin, Analgin and other antipyretics are not used for bringing down the temperature;

(c) what are the reasons that Paracetamol has been singled out for inclusion under the anti-malarials head;

(d) whether Paracetamol is an antimalarial or a general antipyretic drug; and

(e) whether his Ministry is purchasing and distributing Paracetamol preparations under National Health Programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) The drugs mentioned are generally used to bring down the temperature if it is high.

(c) Paracetamol is given in preference to other Salicylates as the drug is much more effective and has less side effects compared to other drugs.

(d) Paracetamol is not antimalarial but a general antipyretic.

(e) Under the National Malaria Eradication Programme, Paracetamol is being procured by Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals

for Supplies to the States and Union Territories.

Purchase of Eye drops etc. for Trachoma etc.

4220. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2002 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Tetracycline Ointment and Hydrocortisone eye oinment/drops are not being purchased by the Central Government for National Health Programme; if so, whether his Ministry had ascertained the purchases made by the State Government out of the budget allocation by his Ministry for the purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that in addition to the Central budget, States also get supplement allocation to procure medicines for Trachoma;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone is rarely purchased and the actual purchases made are of Betamethasone and Dexamethasone drops and Polymixin, Gentamycin and Framycetin antibiotics;

(d) what are the reasons for which the Ministry had violated its own criteria in identification of drugs for Trachoma; and

(e) what criteria were adopted while identifying the first list and what are the reasons for not maintaining the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness States/UTs. are allocated funds for purchase of antibiotic eye ointment tubes for follow up of Trachoma Control measure only. However as the Central allocations are not adequate the States/UTs. procure drugs according to their requirements.

(d) and (e) Criteria followed for identifying drugs for Trachoma Control was commonly used effective drugs and this criteria has been maintained.

Findings of the Kelkar Committee Report

4221. DR BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the sales turnover of each drug included in category II list during 1986:

(b) whether the sale turnover was the only criteria for eligibility for inclusion in category II;

(c) whether it is a fact that none of the findings of Kelkar Committee report is based on realities and as such, his Ministry has failed to discharge the function assigned to it;

(d) whether it is also a fact that two representatives of his Ministry on the Committee merely signed the report, without going into the details; and

(e) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Sales turnover is mentioned by the Ministry of Industry.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Kelkar Committee was initially set up by the Department of Chemicals for identification of drugs under Category II of the DPCO, 1987 as per norms set by them. The representatives of the Ministry of Health have participated in the deliberations of the Committee as required.

Drugs identified for National Health Programme

4222 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 100 drugs were identified as being required for National Health Programme;

(b) when this list was sent to the Ministry of Industry;